



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - October 8, 2002

- ***In the West***, beneficial showers linger across ***southern New Mexico***, but dry, warmer weather elsewhere in the region is promoting autumn fieldwork. However, dryland winter wheat in the ***Northwest*** will soon need rain for autumn establishment.
- ***On the Plains***, showers are slowing fieldwork across ***Texas and Oklahoma***, but providing beneficial moisture for pastures and winter grains. Meanwhile on the ***northern and central Plains***, cool, mostly dry weather favors fieldwork but continues to slow winter wheat development.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, scattered showers and wet field conditions are further slowing corn and soybean harvest activities across ***northern and western portions of the region***. Meanwhile, mild, dry weather in the ***Ohio Valley*** favors winter wheat planting and emergence.
- ***In the South***, wet fields continue to hamper fieldwork from the ***central Gulf Coast to the Delta***, and additional rainfall is approaching. Farther east, Tropical Storm Kyle is drifting generally southward but remains well offshore.

Outlook: During the next few days, an upper-level disturbance will bring periods of locally heavy rain to the ***southern Plains and Delta***, while a weak cold front will maintain cool, unsettled weather from the ***Great Lakes States into the Northeast***. Toward week's end, showers will spread from the ***Delta*** into the ***Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic States***, while a strong cold front moving southeastward out of the ***Canadian Prairies*** will provide below-normal temperatures and a threat of rain and snow to the ***northern Rockies, Plains, and upper Midwest***. Mostly dry weather will prevail in the ***Southwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for October 13-17 calls for wetter-than-normal conditions across the ***northern and central Rockies, northern and southern Plains, and middle Mississippi Valley***, while drier-than-normal weather is forecast in the ***Pacific Northwest*** and along the ***East Coast***. Below-normal temperatures are expected in the ***West***, but warmer-than-normal weather will prevail in the ***East***.

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